



North Carolina Sustainable Communities Task Force

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Sustainable Communities Task Force

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OVERVIEW

- ✘ History/Purpose of Task Force – *David Knight*
- ✘ Activities to Date – *David Knight*
- ✘ Grant Program – *Jim Westmoreland*
- ✘ Federal Program - *Jim Westmoreland*
- ✘ Next Steps - *Jim Westmoreland*



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The goal of this new initiative is ***healthy and equitable development without compromising natural systems and the needs of future generations of North Carolinians.*** (143B-344.34)

- + Legislation – 143B-344.34 through 38
- + \$250,000 NR Grant Fund
- + Staff position



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SIX SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

MIRROR FEDERAL LIVABILITY PRINCIPLES

(143B-344.34(b))

- 1) Better transportation choices
- 2) Equitable, affordable housing
- 3) Enhanced economic competitiveness
- 4) Support of existing communities
- 5) Coordination and leverage of State policies and investment
- 6) Recognize and support communities and neighborhoods



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TIMELINE

- ✕ Legislation July 2010
- ✕ Task Force Appointed October 2010
- ✕ Task Force has met 6 times since November 2010
 - + Next Meeting – May 9, 2011



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✕ **David Knight**, *Chair*
DENR

✕ **Scott Farmer**
Housing Finance Agency

✕ **Dr. Ruth Petersen**
DHHS-DPH

✕ **Jim Westmoreland**
DOT

✕ **Anne Bander**
DOA

✕ **Libby Smith**
Commerce

STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

(143B-344.36(a))



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SENATE

- × **Paul Norby**
*City-County Planning Board
Winston-Salem*
- × **Joe McKinney**
*Executive Director
Land-of-Sky COG*
- × **VACANT**
*Building Industry
Representative*

APPOINTEES

HOUSE

- × **Mitchell Silver**
*Planning Director
City of Raleigh*
- × **Debra D. Campbell**
*Planning Director
City of Charlotte*
- × **Brian Schneiderman**
*Director of Commercial Lending
Self-Help Credit Union*

GOVERNOR

- × **John Hodges-Copple**
*Planning Director
Triangle J COG*



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TASKS/DUTIES

- ✖ Recommend Policies
- ✖ Recommend Appropriations
- ✖ Align State Services and Investments
- ✖ Scorecard/Grant Program for Fund



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COMMUNITY PRACTICES ASSESSMENT

- ✖ Developed with Stakeholder Input
- ✖ Educational Tool
- ✖ For communities to understand their status in implementing sustainable community
- ✖ Required by Legislation



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PURPOSES OF SCTF GRANT FUND (143B-344.37)

- ✖ Improve regional planning that integrates housing and transit
- ✖ Increase capacity to improve Land Use Planning
- ✖ Provide $\leq 50\%$ match of required local match for federal monies

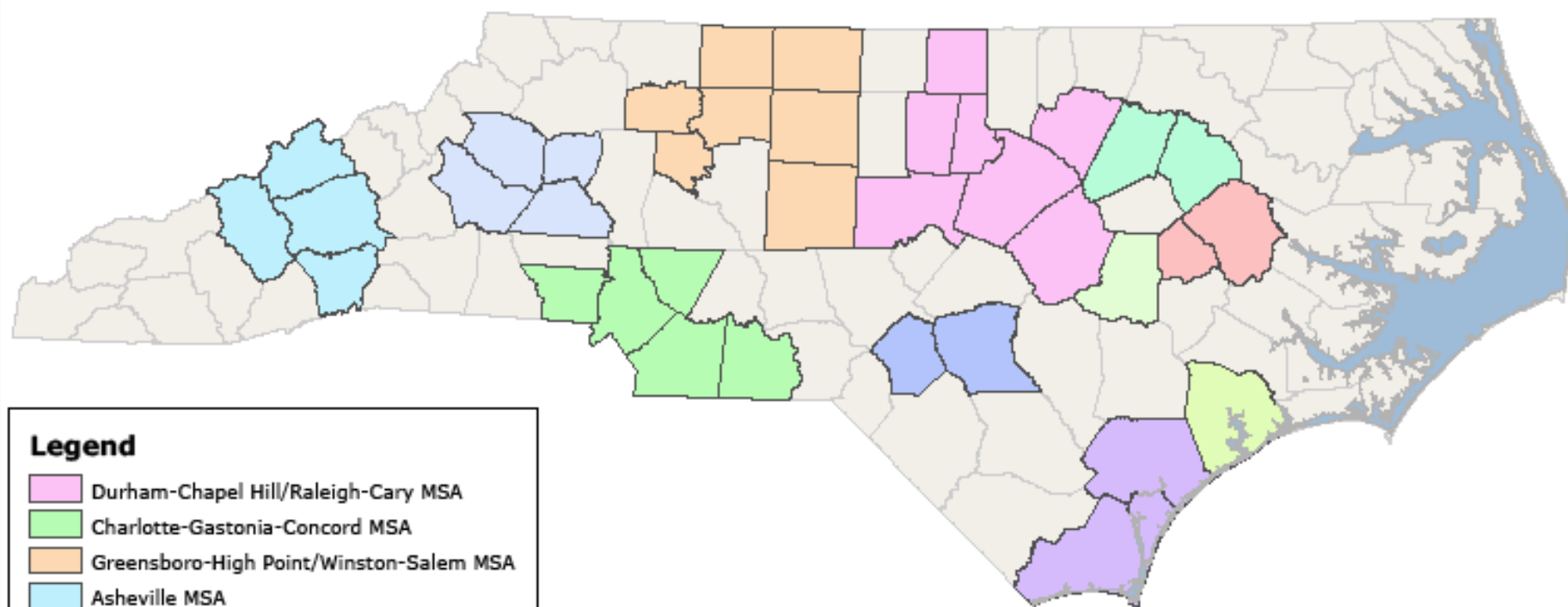


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ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS (143B-344.37)

- ✕ Regional Bodies
- ✕ Cities
- ✕ Counties
- ✕ In established Metropolitan Region
- ✕ A Partnership with
 - + Work Plan
 - + Public participation Process, and
 - + MOU

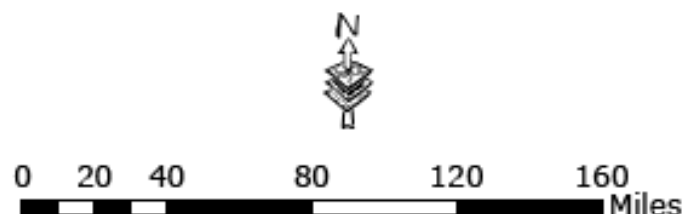
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Legend

- Durham-Chapel Hill/Raleigh-Cary MSA
- Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord MSA
- Greensboro-High Point/Winston-Salem MSA
- Asheville MSA
- Fayetteville MSA
- Goldsboro MSA
- Greenville MSA
- Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir MSA
- Jacksonville MSA
- Rocky Mount MSA
- Wilmington MSA

Map Created August 2010 | Source: US Census 2008



T H R I V E
in **NORTH
CAROLINA**



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PROJECT SCORING

- ✖ Factor 1 – Regional Collaboration – 15 points
- ✖ Factor 2 – Need – 15 points
- ✖ Factor 3 – Implementation of Sustainable Development Principles – 60 points
- ✖ Factor 4 – Project Effectiveness – 10 points

SCTF GRANT PROGRAM – \$250K

✕ Applications

- + 15 Applications
- + Regional groups, COGs, MPOs, cities, and towns
- + Defined Partnership - Work Plan, Public Participation Process, and MOU

✕ Grant Awards

- + RFP March 2011
- + 9 Awards – from Graham County to Wilmington

SCTF GRANT AWARDS

- ✖ **Blue Ridge Road Corridor Study, Raleigh**
 - + Focal point in the West Raleigh Growth Center
 - + Anchors several nationally recognized institutions
 - + \$40K Awarded, total cost \$150K
- ✖ **Town of Morrisville Transit & Affordable Housing Plan**
 - + Conduct TOD Market Reconnaissance
 - + Affordable Housing Needs Assessment
 - + 40K Awarded, Total Cost \$167K

SCTF AWARDS CONT

✖ CENTRALINA COG

- + Projects for Sustainable Regional Revitalization
- + Across 10 Counties
- + 150,000 acres industrial vacant or underutilized
- + Provides Analysis for Targeting Reinvestment.
- + \$40K Awarded, Total Project Cost \$114K

✖ City of Durham

- + Citizen Driven Livability Initiative
- + Create and improve access to jobs, housing, food, open spaces, education, and transit
- + \$40K Awarded, Total Cost \$128K

SCTF AWARDS CONT

✖ Triangle J COG

- + Land use, housing and transportation scenario Development and Analysis
- + Infrastructure investment tool for multi-jurisdictional center of RTP Region
- + Awarded \$31K, Total Cost \$91K

✖ Town of Fuquay-Varina

- + Establishment of single ordinance
- + Update current 1965 Codes
- + Awarded \$15K, Total Cost \$160K

SCTF AWARDS CONT

✖ Town of Robbinsville & Graham County

- + Tier 1 Distressed County
- + Comprehensive Plan
- + Awarded \$15K, Total Cost \$100K

✖ NC Eastern Region Military Growth Task Force

- + Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender and Wayne Counties
- + Support Regional Planner in BRAC Affected Counties
- + Awarded \$15K, Total Cost \$443K

SCTF AWARDS CONT

✖ Wilmington MPO

- + Reduce VMT and Increase Network efficiency
- + Activities include education and outreach associated with bicycle, pedestrian and transit initiatives
- + Awarded \$15K, Total Cost \$465K

FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ **Regional Sustainable Community Planning Grants (HUD)**
 - ✓ Improve Regional Planning Integration
 - ✓ Support Multijurisdictional Efforts
- ✓ **Community Challenge/Tiger II Grants (DOT)**
 - ✓ Reduce Barriers to achieving sustainable communities
 - ✓ Planning and Capital Project Grants
- ✓ **Sustainable Communities Building Blocks Program (EPA)**
 - ✓ Quick Targeted Technical Assistance
 - ✓ Local and Tribal Governments
- ✓ **Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants (HUD)**
 - ✓ Transforming areas of concentrated poverty
 - ✓ Follow on to HUD's HOPE VI Program



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FEDERAL GRANT RESULTS

- ✓ **Regional Sustainable Community Planning Grants**
 - ✓ Land-of-Sky Regional Council - \$1.6 mil
 - ✓ Piedmont Auth. for Regional Transportation (PART) - \$1.6 mil
 - ✓ Preferred Status (Centralina COG, Triangle J COG, NC East)

- ✓ **Community Challenge Grants/Tiger II**
 - ✓ Asheville - \$850K
 - ✓ Lexington - \$700K

- ✓ **Sustainable Communities Building Blocks Program**
 - ✓ Town of Spencer - \$170,000

- ✓ **Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants**
 - ✓ Housing Authority of the City of Salisbury, NC - \$170,000
 - ✓ Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, NC - \$200,000



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NEXT STEPS

- ✖ October 2011 Report
 - + Program/Policy Review
 - + Recommend Policy changes/appropriations
- ✖ Technical Assistance
- ✖ Grant Opportunities

SCTF Sustainable Communities Task Force

WEBSITE

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- ✕ Enabling Legislation
- ✕ Task Force Members
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- ✕ Upcoming Events
- ✕ Reports and Meetings
- ✕ NC Regional Planning Groups
- ✕ Federal Interagency Partnership



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